THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The amount released to Uttar Pradesh under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) from the year 1997-98 onwards is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (upto 27-7-2000)
Amount released	15182.66	16297.06	14825.12	7387.50

(b) to (d) Rural drinking water supply is a State Subject and the Central Government only supplements the efforts of the states by providing assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes. As such area-wise/scheme-wise allocation of funds is done by the State Government. As per the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the funds allocated for hill areas (Uttaranchal) since 1997-98 is as under:

Year	Amount (in Rs. lakh)
1997-98	4300.00
1998-99	4300.00
2000-2001	3440.00
2000-2001 (till 29.7.2000)	—

Invention of Fuelless Water Wheel Turbine

1217. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Shri Mangal Singh R/O vill. and P.O. Bhailoni Lodh Block Bar, Distt. Lalitpur (U.P.) had applied for

funds from CAPART for the development of a fuelless water wheel turbine invented by him;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the official of the U.P. Government as well as Central Government and technocrats sent by CAPART had appreciated this device and strongly recommended for popularisation and providing held to Shri Mangal Singh; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not granting him any financial help for development and commercial production of this device?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1990-91, Shri Mangal Singh was provided financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 91,400/- under two projects relating to fuelless turbine. Both the projects were not completed by Shri Mangal Singh. In the first project in which Rs. 32,000/- was sanctioned, Shri Singh could execute the project except spending Rs. 6400/- on travel, etc., and the project was treated as closed in 1998.

In the case of the second project in which Rs. 85,000/- was released to him, Shri Mangal Singh was to refund Rs. 40,000/- to CAPART as per sanction after completion of the duration of the project, which was one year. Shri Mangal Singh neither completed the project nor did he submit the accounts. He has not refunded the amount so far.

Shri Mangal Singh has submitted another proposal for Rs. 16.86 lakhs in July, 1999 and the proposal has been got appraised. The pre-Appraisal report has been received in July, 2000 and the case will be placed before the next National Standing Committee on Rural Technology, for consideration and decision, which is the competent authority.

Panchayats Debarred to Undertake works under JRY, EAS etc.

1218. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to order No. 1572/PN/O/1/IM-1/97 dated 12th April, 2000 of the Ministry of Panchayat, West Bengal;

(b) whether Government are aware that vide this order Panchayats